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For: OXIDATION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED MAGNET MAGNET POWDER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, COMPOUND FOR RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET, RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

<u>PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 13, 2006

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AF through AK were cited in a European Search Report dated April 10, 2006. A copy of the search report is also attached.

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